WHICH SIDE WILL YOU BE ON?
Ugh! I hate claws. They're such high maintenance!
Who needs claws when your weapon's as big as mine?
Of course I'm the prettiest... I'm the only real woman!
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EX-MEN
JOIN US IN OUR FIGHT TO BRING MORE YAOI!
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Kodou

(throbbing)

by Takakura Row

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こどう
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PAGES.
A cold, glazed stare shoots through my heart.
Strong arms that coil around me won't release me.
Will these pent up emotions rob my spirit?
胸に爆弾、時を刻む愛。
A BOMB IN HIS CHEST MARKS THE PASSAGE OF LOVE.
ROW TAKAKURA presents
高座朗
In an instant, our worlds changed.
It feels like the raw wound on his chest
is binding him to me.
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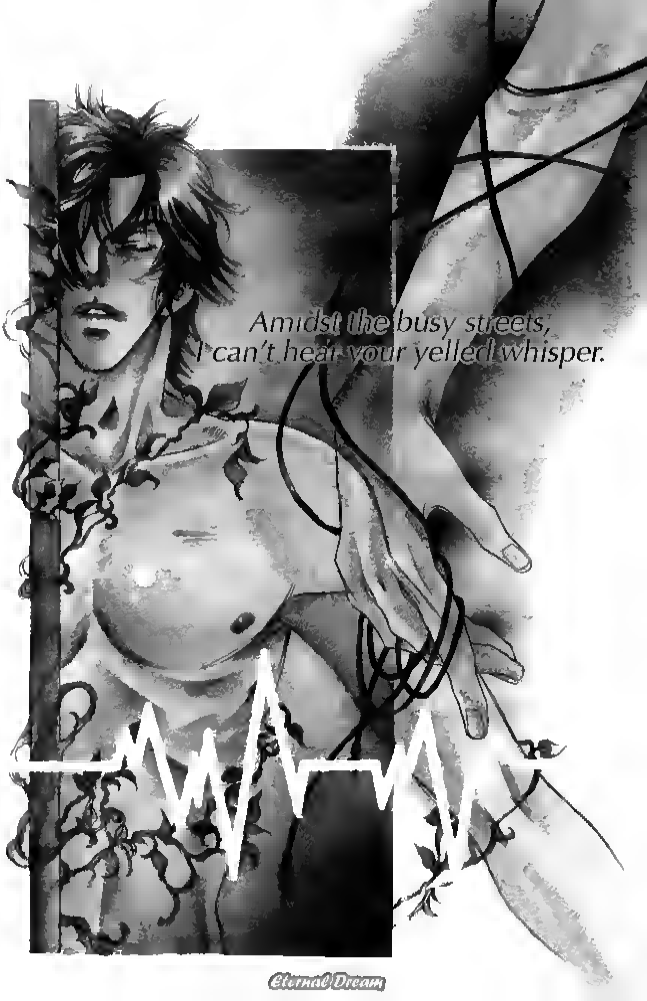
Amidst the busy streets,
I can't hear your yelled whisper.

This is about wanting to escape from reality
I feel as though many things from this era are unbearable.
A noisy society
Hectic every day
HEY! DID THE USUAL EMAIL COME IN YET?
THIS MAKES IT THE THIRD TIME, RIGHT?
In this occupation, the possibility of meeting someone who'll tell you off are high.
DO YOU THINK THIS TIME IT'LL EXPLODE?
WHO KNOWS?
STILL, IT HAS TO BE DEALT WITH WELL. THEN I'LL LET YOU FINISH THIS BUSINESS.
EternalDream

We had an email notice that a bomb was placed right inside the mail box of the police station a few months ago...
JEEZ, WHAT A STRANGE INCIDENT...
Just as a precaution, we urged civilians to take refuge while we lower-ranking officials disposed of it.
REMOVAL IS COMPLETE
THAT WAS QUITE UNSETTLING
WASN'T THAT A VERY INTRICATELY BUILT BOMB?
So far, these time bombs have never detonated.
THIS MUST BE THE TYPE OF CRIMINAL WHO DELIGHTS IN WATCHING PEOPLE'S REACTIONS DON'T YOU AGREE?
OF COURSE I DON'T THINK HE MISSED THIS.

The clock is set to after six, but..
For some reason, it always stops like this
Huh?
JUST NOW—
Kushinada?
WERE PICTURES OF THE CRIMINAL TAKEN?

SEEMS LIKE IN ADDITION TO THE WEATHER STORE SECURITY CAMERA AND CAMERAS FROM OTHER ESTABLISHMENTS, WE MIGHT BE ONTO SOMETHING
I JUST DON'T GET THIS

WHEN HE CAME OUT OF THE STORE HE DIDN'T HAVE HIS BAG
DOESN'T THAT KUSHI-NADA INDIVIDUAL LOOK SUSPICIOUS?
I DON'T KNOW. WASN'T HE JUST DOING THE GARBAGE?

Eternal Dream

That certainly was.
ER..
NOTHING
WHAT'S THE MATTER MITANI?
Kushinada Takeshi.
During the four years of high school, we were the best of friends.
YO, YAKUMO!
WHY ARE YOU WORKING OVERTIME BY YOURSELF?
He was frighteningly pretty for a man.
I'VE NO CHOICE ISN'T IT INEVITABLE THAT NEW MEMBERS JOIN THE CLUB?
CLATTER
He had better reflexes, was smarter and overall better than me on many things He was a proud friend
And then....
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT
YOU WANNA GO OUT?
Eternal Dream

WHA... STOP IT!!
TA KESHI!
?!
A short while later, Kushinada changed schools.
I became frightened by his forcefulness, and I fled from the scene.
After that, I couldn't face him because I didn't know what to say.
But... why do I remember feeling relieved at that moment?
Eternal Dream

DING DONG...
creak
IS IT HERE...?
YO!
LONG TIME NO SEE...

YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED AT ALL. HAVE YA'S YOU SOLVED IT RIGHT AWAY
BUT, I DIDN'T THINK THAT YOU'D BE THE ONE COMING
YOU WERE LOOKING FOR ME, RIGHT?
ERR DON'T WORRY ON MY ACCOUNT
He's not listening huh
I haven't seen him in a while.
Have you become a criminal all of a sudden ..
my old friend?
WHAT'S THE POINT OF YOUR VISIT?
.....
COME IN, MAN
I JUST RAN OUT OF BEER THOUGH
Eternal Dream

SLIDE
?!
Why wouldn't you tell a friend?
He doesn't seem surprised to see me though
YOU...
THESE ARE..
YOU'RE A PRETTY RUDE GUY, AREN'T YA?
DON'T PEEK AT OTHER PEOPLE'S STUFF UNINVITED

Eternal Dream

ABOUT A HALF A YEAR AGO I SAW YOU BY COINCIDENCE ON THE STREET
BUT YOU SEEMED TO BE IN THE MIDDLE OF WORK, BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T HEAR ME
WHY ARE YOU DOING THESE THINGS?
I THINK THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT YOU CAME LOOKING FOR
.....

YOU WERE WEARING A POLICE UNIFORM.
I HATE ASKING PEOPLE
AROUND THE POLICE STATION FOR NO REASON
SO, I FIGURED IF PULLED ALL THE POLICE OFFICERS OUT QUICKLY, IT'D BE A GOOD WAY TO TRY TO GET TO YOU
YOU WERE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAME OUT NONCHALANTLY
Eternal Dream

W-WHY...
WOULD YOU DO SUCH A THING?
I WAS HAPPY JUST LOOKING AT YOU FROM A DISTANCE THAT'S WHY I DID IT RE-PEATEDLY
WOULD YOU HAVE BEEN HAPPY IF I TOLD YOU?
IT'S JUST A JOKE!
No way
If this is how it is..
CLINK
I'M GONNA GO OUT FOR A BIT
ARE YOU GOING TO RUN AWAY?!
NAH SINCE I DIDN'T HAVE ANY BEER, I'M JUST GONNA GO AND BUY SOME
Eternal Dream

CLINK...
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING?
DON'T YOU NEED A KEY—
CLANK
—TO UNFASTEN IT?
I ran away from him that time.
But now there's a wall...
...that binds us both together.
...or forgiven... ...or running away.
Eternal Dream

CLINK
THIS DOESN'T LOOK EASY TO CUT, Y'KNOW.
OR, IS THERE A SOFTER PLACE TO CUT?
C'MON, SPIT IT OUT!
COUGH
CLANK...
ISN'T THIS SAD, SINCE YOU ATE THE KEY?
FREEZE...
AHA! I GOT IT!
IF I STIMULATE YOUR ASSHOLE, IT MAY COME OUT QUICKER-FROM THERE.
HUFF
COUGH
Eternal Dream
PROD...
STOP IT
POKE...
AAH... AH!

NICE AND HARD, HUH?
RUB
RUB
JUST ONE FINGER AND IT'S SO TIGHT!
IT— HUR—
AAH!
AH!
OH WELL, WHATEVER
I DON'T NEED TO BE GENTLE
AAH..
UH..!
AAH..
Eternal Dream

TWITCH
TWITCH
UGH..
OOH!
DSSH
KU.. SHI...
NA.. DA..
Han
Han
DON'T CALL MY NAME WITH THAT SEXY VOICE!
Eternal Dream
Squirt
PLUNGE
AAAH!
Splash...
AH... AH!

*TL: PACEMAKER IS A SMALL DEVICE THAT'S PLACED UNDER THE SKIN OF YOUR CHEST OR ABDOMEN TO HELP CONTROL ABNORMAL HEART RHYTHMS.

I GUESS I DIDN'T TELL YOU I HAVE ADAMS-STROKES SYNDROME
A PACE-MAKER?
IT'S A SICKNESS THAT MAKES MY HEART-BEAT GO UNCON-TROLLABLY FASTER OR SLOWER DEPENDING ON HOW I FEEL.
SO I NEED THIS THING TO MAINTAIN MY HEART-RATE
THIS HELPS ME REGAIN MY COM-POSURE
...ONLY PROBLEM IS I JUST CAN'T GET EXCITED
Since when?
Stab
BUT
IF IT'S YOU
I JUST MIGHT

TWITCH
PINCH
ST...
STOP!
AAH!
AH
AAH!
DON'T... TOUCH...
DON'T WORRY EVEN THOUGH I'M A SICK PERSON
I'LL TAKE IT EASY AND TREAT YOU LIKE AN ADULT
ARGH!
SHUDDER
MR. POLICE-MAN
NIBBLE...

SQUELCH
SQUISH...
THRUST
THRUST...
THRUST
STO...
AH!
AH!
STROKE
STROKE
AAH!
UH...
THRUST...
THRUST

AH...
HAA...
I'M GONNA MAKE YOUR HEART POUND
WHAT IS IT?
CAN'T YOUR ASS TAKE THIS?
IT FEELS AMAZING TO ME!
BUT...
YOU'RE NOT EXCITED...
GUESS YOU JUST HAVE A BORING HEART.
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...AH!
I couldn't help gasping for air.
No matter how hard I tried, I couldn't control my breathing
Even though He climaxed often.
Kushinada's heartrate didn't change. In fact, it always remained at a constant rhythm.
CAN..
YOU EVEN HEAR MY HEARTBEAT PROPERLY?
Although..
ANYONE CAN HEAR IT YOU DON'T HAVE TO LEAN OVER I GUESS YOU COULD HEAR IT JUST AS WELL.
IF I COULDN'T HEAR IT WOULDN'T IT MEAN THAT YOU'RE DEAD?
Huh?

TL: A URINARY CATHETER IS A PLASTIC TUBE INSERTED INTO A PATIENT'S BLADDER VIA THEIR URETHRA TO URINATE.
I HAVE TO GO TO THE TOILET
Yank
WHAT IS IT?
CLINK...
WHAT THE HELL IS THAT?
JEEZ DON'T DISRUPT MY VIEWING PLEASURE
Rustle...
I WANNA WATCH TV NOW
BUT...!
URINE CONDUCTOR CATHETER
?!
DON'T WORRY
YOU'LL BE DRINKING STERILIZED URINE
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And you won't go anywhere either.
AT ANY RATE, THIS IS THE WAY YOU'LL LIVE FROM NOW ON WITHOUT EATING OR DRINKING.
POKE
THIS MIGHT BE CLEANER THAN TOKYO'S WATER SUPPLY
WHA ..!
ARGH ..!
PULL
SLIDE
OW!
TWITCH
UH!

WHATEVER I'LL PUSH IT IN DEEPER IT MAY BE UNPLEASANT, BUT IT'LL MAKE IT COME OUT
WHAT, YOU'RE STILL HOLDING IT IN?
SHOCK
SHUDDER
SHUDDER
FINE I GET IT
YOU WON'T DO IT, HUH?
As usual
There isn't any change in his tone
JUST GO OUT WITH ME?

In those days, his tone didn't change...
CLENCH...
Why is that?
I miss it... It's comforting
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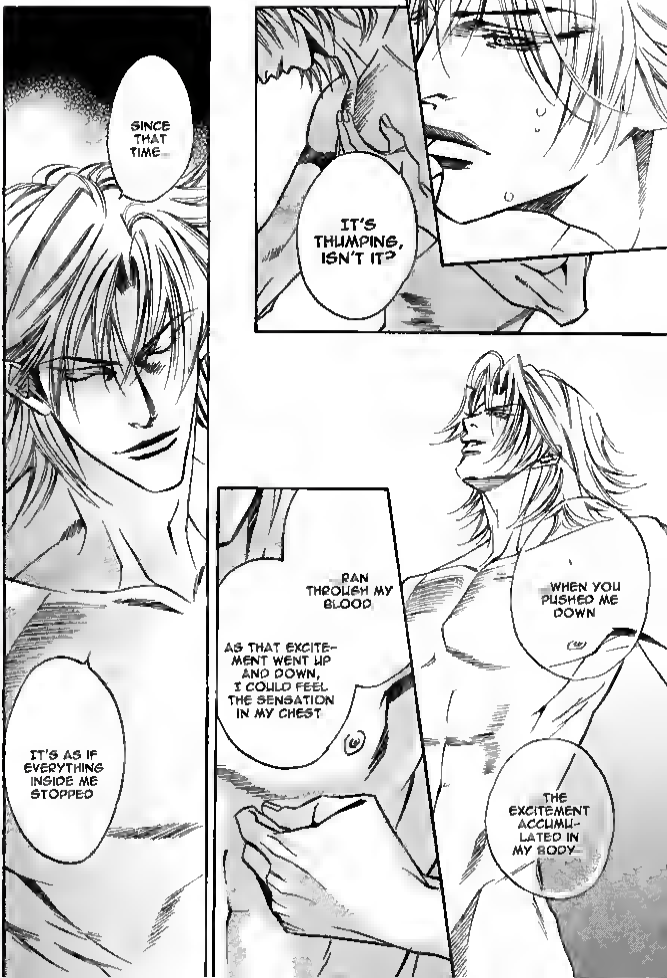
In that crowd, amongst the garbage...
Perhaps...
Ever since then I've been
dragged by his shadow all along
I found Kushinada.

THIS IS BAD HUH, DOING IT AGAIN AND AGAIN
HN!
AH... UH!
clink...
...AH!
SQUISH
SQUISH
HAA!
Thrust
Thrust
LOOKS LIKE IT'S BECOME A HABIT
Ha
Ha
Ha
Squish
Squish
Squish
YOU FEEL SO GOOD!
I GUESS IT'S TIME FOR ME TO TASTE YOU
Crystal Dream

I CAN HEAR YOUR PULSE
BA-DUMP
FROM HERE, IT FEELS LIKE IT'S QUICK-ENED
BA-DUMP...
Pant..
THIS IS
..PAIN-FUL..
IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE GOING DIZZY
BA-DUM
Feels like my entire body is throbbing like my heart.
Pant...
Schlip
It was a cruel stimulation..
AH
AH
Spread...
HAA
HAA
TWITCH
TWITCH


SINCE THAT TIME...
IT'S THUMPING, ISN'T IT?
WHEN YOU PUSHED ME DOWN
RAN THROUGH MY BLOOD
AS THAT EXCITEMENT WENT UP AND DOWN, I COULD FEEL THE SENSATION IN MY CHEST
THE EXCITEMENT ACCUMULATED IN MY BODY...
IT'S AS IF EVERYTHING INSIDE ME STOPPED

at that moment
would we...
...have been together like this all along?
If I hadn't stopped him
Now that I think about it...
club activities ended at six that day
Rustle...
Eternal Dream

YOU'RE NOT CALLIN' YOUR COMRADES?
YOU DID SECURE A CRIMINAL...
CLINK...
WHA...
?!
WHAT'S THAT..?
THE LAST PIECE
CLICK
ANYWAY IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO LIVE LIKE THIS FOR LONG
IN TEN MINUTES, IT WILL DETONATE.
BUT YOU CAN CUT THE RED WIRE THOUGH..
Clatter...
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SAY MR. POLICEMAN YOU DON'T CHARGE YOUR CELL PHONE ALL THAT OFTEN HUH?
COZ WHEN YOU SNUCK IT OUT, YOUR BATTERY WAS DEAD
IF YOU MAKE A MISTAKE, WE'D BE THE ONLY ONES WHO'LL BLOW UP... DO YOU THINK YOU CAN MAKE IT IN TIME?
I wonder how big it will be?
ISN'T IT YOUR DUTY TO PROTECT THE CITIZENS?
Kushi-nada..
IS A SIMPLE THING TO DO
DID YOU KNOW THAT IF THE PACEMAKER IS WITHIN 20CM OF A CELL-PHONE...
...IT COULD MALFUNC-TION?
DIDN'T YOU GO THROUGH THE TROUBLE OF GETTING THE CELL-PHONE?
C'MON, PUT THE BATTERY IN QUICKLY!
YOUR BACKUP WILL HAVE TO STOP IT.
HAHA!
HAHA!

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09:38
Click
Ba-Dump
Click
Ba-dump
Bat Dump!
Click

10:00
CLICK
WERE YOU AROUSED?
DON'T TURN YOUR FACE AND CLOSE YOUR EYES TO A CRIMINAL AND HIS TRUE MOTIVES, MR. POLICEMAN!
TO BEGIN WITH
THE CABLE WASN'T CONNECTED

WHEN I PUSHED YOU IN THE CLUB ROOM...
I SEE.
YOUR WHOLE BODY WAS TREMBLING
AND THEN EVERY TIME I'D SEE YOU AT SCHOOL.
I admired his looks, and his smarts
WASN'T YOUR HEART BEATING SO FAST, THAT IT COULD BE HEARD BY EVERYONE?
YOU TRIED SO HARD TO AVOID BEING NOTICED.
And I thought that by being with me Kushinada...
Immersed himself in his superiority complex more and more.
AND I WAS SO NERVOUS, THINKING THAT ONE DAY, YOU'D ATTACK ME AGAIN
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I felt relieved.
BUT YOU SUDDENLY DISSAPEARED
Because that throbbing wasn't there anymore.
I MIGHT HAVE BEEN WAITING...

It seems...
...that the bell that marks the passage of time is ringing.
IT ECHOED IN MY HEAD.
YOU COULD HEAR THE WHISPER OF MY HEART-BEATS IN THAT NOISY SCHOOL?!
Poke...
Grip
HAA...
Thrust...
NNH...

Spurt...
Spurt...
MM.
YAKU-MO..
HA... AAH!
Ba-DUMP
AH... AAH!
IF YOU'RE FEELIN' GOOD TOO...
IT'D BE NICE IF YOU SAY IT!
The warmth of his skin...
...and the sound of being on top of one another...
...feels euphoric.
Ba-DUMP...
BA-DUMP...

CLINK
CLACK
CLACK
WHAT?!
?!
Clink.
HERE
I'VE JUST PICKED IT
WASN'T THAT EASY?
AND SO I DON'T HAVE TO DO THAT HITTER THING!
YOU COULD'VE DONE THAT FROM THE BEGINNING!
YOU'VE GOT A CRIMINAL HERE AFTER ALL.
YOU'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE ARE YOU MR. POLICE-MAN?
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YOU'RE NOT RUNNING AWAY ANYMORE, ARE YOU?
OF COURSE NOT!
BECAUSE, I'VE BEEN CAPTURED

But, if we don't waste time from this point on, we can reclaim what we lost.
If you hadn't run away back then, we might've finished this journey of ours.
IF IT MEANS CATCHING YOU, YAKUMO
I'D GO ANYWHERE
Because our countdown...
has just begun
ERR, BUT.. I DO HAVE TO CHANGE THE PACEMAKER'S BATTERY ONCE EVERY SEVEN YEARS OR I'LL BE IN TROUBLE.
.....
Are you planning to hold it out that long?
KODOU END
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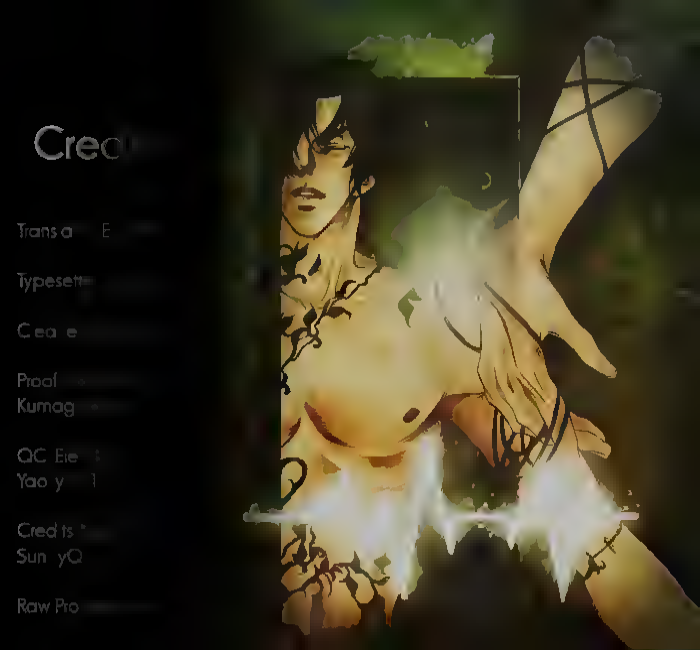
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